

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas met at the City Council Chambers, Room No. 161, located at 200 E. McAlpine Street at 6:00 p.m., Navasota, Texas on the above date with the following being present:

**Bernie Gessner, Councilmember, Place # 1
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

(Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communication Director; Mike Mize, Police Chief; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer and Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Ethan Barcak, Chris Tucker, Deborah Welchel, Don Welchel, Mary Jones, Angela Bryant, Valory Barnett, Steven Richards, Clyde Hudson, Matt Silcox, Ella Jones, Jana Russell, Steven Richards and Michele Steinhauser.

THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Mac Vaughn. The City Council, staff members and visitors then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: None.
4. Staff report:
 - a) HR Director Peggy Johnson introduced the following new employee: Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer.
 - b) Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director gave an update on Capital Improvements Project, the AWOS, Public Works Warehouse, Capital Improvement project for utilities and the Sidewalk and Streetscape project.
 - c) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions; and

12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes and Municipal Court report for December 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, concerning the annual evaluation of the City Manager and possible amendment to the employment agreement for the City Manager; and

The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, concerning evaluation of Legal Counsel for the City of Navasota, and associated matters. The time was 6:44 p.m.

14. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:09 p.m.

15. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to amend annual employment agreement with the City Manager with an annual base salary of \$145,000, with the car allowance and cell phone allowance remaining the same, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the updated engagement letter with Legal Counsel, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

